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*To the* TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON'S COLLEGE, GLASGOW.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery at present vacant in Anderson's College, and to state the following facts in support of my application.

I am a graduate in Medicine and Surgery (with Commendation) of Glasgow University, of fifteen years standing, and a Fellow of Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow.

One of the two First Class Honorary Certificates in Midwifery given at Glasgow University in 1865-6 was awarded to me, and during nearly the whole of my professional life I have carried on a large Midwifery private practice.

I was for two years out-door Physician-Accoucheur to the Glasgow Maternity Hospital, which appointment I resigned on obtaining that of Physician-Accoucheur to the Western Infirmary. This I still hold, together with the Physicianship to the Dispensary for Diseases of Women at the same institution.

For the last five years I have delivered annually a Course of Lectures on Midwifery, such as has been given at Anderson's College, and also during the past winter another Course of fifty Lectures on the Diseases of Women, given in connection with the Western Extra-Mural Medical School. These lectures are recognized as qualifying for License by the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of

Glasgow ; the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh ; and the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. I have gradually accumulated a valuable collection of teaching material.

I have written the following Papers in connection with the subject, viz. :—

“On a New Form of Long Forceps.” *Glasgow Medical Journal*, June, 1878.

“On the Shape of the Head of an Extra-uterine Foetus.” *Obstetrical Journal of Great Britain and Ireland*, February, 1880.

“On Labour Obstructed from an Unusual Cause.” *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, April, 1880.

“On the Use of Antiseptics in Obstetrics and Gynecology.” Read before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Glasgow, March 4, 1881, and shortly to appear in the *Glasgow Medical Journal*. Also various Reviews in Obstetrics and Gynecology which have been published in that Journal.

I am Fellow of the Obstetrical Societies of London and Edinburgh, and have studied the methods of practice and instruction in most of the chief Medical Schools in this country and in Germany.

I append some testimonials from distinguished specialists, and one or two signed conjointly, but have not thought it desirable to multiply testimonials from medical friends.

I am, GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM LOUDON REID.

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## I.

*From the* PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS *of the* WESTERN INFIRMARY, *Glasgow.*

*March, 1881.*

THE undersigned medical officers of the Western Infirmary having frequently had occasion to consult with DR. W. L. REID, Physician to the Dispensary for Women, in relation to cases under their charge, and having learned to appreciate the knowledge and enthusiasm which he has brought to bear on the particular department of medical science to which he has devoted himself, desire very strongly to express their opinion that he is admirably fitted to fill the Chair of Midwifery now vacant in Anderson's College, and that if appointed he would maintain and extend the usefulness of that school. For many years DR. REID has paid great attention to Obstetrics, and he has taught the subject to considerable classes with very great acceptance. That he undertook, and successfully carried out, the duties of a Teacher, without any connection with one of the medical schools, and in face of the opposition necessarily met with, is the best evidence of his devotion to his subject, and his zealous desire to impart a knowledge of it to others.

GEO. H. B. MACLEOD,

Regius Professor of Surgery, Glasgow University.

JAMES FINLAYSON,

Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, Western Infirmary.

GEORGE BUCHANAN,

Professor of Clinical Surgery, Glasgow University.

A. PATTERSON,

Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Western Infirmary

JAMES G. LYON,  
Dispensary Surgeon.

JOSEPH COATS,  
Dispensary Physician.

D. N. KNOX,  
Dispensary Surgeon.

JAMES CHRISTIE,  
Dispensary Surgeon.

J. CRAWFORD RENTON,  
Dispensary Surgeon.

D. C. M'VAIL,  
Dispensary Physician.

I CONCUR with the above in so far as my warm appreciation of DR. REID is concerned ; but in relation to the present contest, I desire to be considered neutral, not having any knowledge of the subject, or of the relative merits of the several candidates.

W. T. GAIRDNER,  
Regius Professor of the Practice of Physic, Glasgow  
University.

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## II.

*From THE LECTURERS at the Western Medical School.*

GLASGOW, *March*, 1881.

WE have the very greatest pleasure in testifying to the especial fitness of our colleague, DR. W. L. REID, to discharge the duties of a Chair of Midwifery. DR. REID had for some years classes of students in Midwifery and the Diseases of Women, with the most gratifying success, when we asked him last year to join the Western Medical School. During the past winter session he has there delivered a course of 50 lectures on the Diseases of Women, which for completeness, both as regards the subject treated of, and the apparatus, diagrams, &c., with which they have been illustrated, left nothing to be desired.

DR. REID is thoroughly conversant with the literature of his subject, both English and Foreign; he has also studied for a considerable time, both at home and abroad, the operative treatment of those diseases, which fall more particularly into the hands of the gynecologist,—and he has most ably discharged the duties of Obstetric Physician to the Western Infirmary.

As a scholar, teacher, and practitioner, we do not believe that anyone could more efficiently and enthusiastically fill a chair of Midwifery and Diseases of Women than DR. REID.

D. N. KNOX, M.A., M.B., F.F.P.S.,

Lecturer on Surgery.

D. C. McVAIL, M.B.,

Lecturer on the Practice of Medicine.

### III.

*From* MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND STUDENTS.

DEAR DR. REID,—Having heard that you are a candidate for the vacant Chair of Midwifery in Anderson's College, we beg to express our high opinion of your powers as a Teacher, and attainments as an Obstetric Physician. We have had frequent opportunities of watching your practice in this department, both in the Western Infirmary and elsewhere, and feel convinced that you are capable not only of teaching it well, but also of advancing the highest interest of the Chair to which you aspire.

For many years you have devoted much time and study to this branch of your profession, and have not only enriched its literature, but added to and improved its appliances.

Those of us who have had the special advantage of attending your Lectures, can testify to the enthusiastic and self-devoted way in which you have laboured to impart to us the great general principles of obstetrics, and the ready power you possess of explaining difficult points.

We are assured, therefore, that you are well qualified to fill this important Chair, and that should you be appointed, the Andersonian School of Medicine will have made a very valuable addition to its teaching staff.—We are, yours faithfully,

- ERIC SINCLAIR, M.B.,  
House Physician, Western Infirmary.
- JOHN LINDSAY STEVEN, M.B.,  
House Physician, Western Infirmary.
- MALCOLM M'CURRICH, M.A., M.B.
- DONALD MACPHAIL, M.B.,  
Assistant to the Professor of Surgery, Glas. Univ.
- DAVID NEWMAN, M.B.,  
Pathological Chemist to the Western Infirmary.
- ALEXANDER ADAM, M.B.,  
House Physician, Western Infirmary.
- JOHN ALEXANDER, M.D.,  
Medical Superintendent of the Western Infirmary.
- J. KERR LOVE, M.B.,  
House Surgeon, Western Infirmary.
- JOHN MOYES, M.B.,  
Assistant to the Professor of Clinical Medicine, Glas. University.
- WM. G. DUN, M.D., F.F.P.S.G.
- DAVID W. INGLIS, M.A., M.B.,  
House Surgeon, Western Infirmary.
- GEO. S. MIDDLETON, M.A., M.B.,  
Assistant to the Professor of the Practice of Medicine, Glas. University.
- ROBERT MACPHERSON, M.B.
- ARCHD. CLERK, M.B.
- DAVID LONGWILL, M.B.
- JOHN MACKURY, M.B.
- A. B. POLLOCK, M.B.
- THOMAS KIRKWOOD, M.B.
- ALEX. MUIR SMITH, M.D.
- D. CAIRNS, M.B.
- JOHN WILSON, M.B.
- ALEXANDER JAMIESON, M.B. and L.R.C.S.E.
- DAVID BLYTH, M.B.
- JOHN LOVE, L.R.C.P.E.

EDMUND A. COOK, L.R.C.P. and S.E.  
 DAVID R. OSWALD, M.B.  
 MALCOLM M'INTOSH, M.B., C.M.  
 J. B. MUIRHEAD, M.B.  
 JAMES DRUMMOND, M.B.  
 BENJ. A. PALMER, M.B., L.R.C.S.E.  
 GEORGE A. TURNER, M.D.  
 M. MACKINTOSH, M.B.  
 HUGH B. M'DONALD.  
 JAMES A. ROBERTSON.  
 WM. C. MUIR.  
 ALEXANDER F. REID.  
 DUGALD M'PHEE.  
 JAMES FERGUSON.  
 JAMES KING.  
 J. WALKER DOWNIE.  
 GEO. WOLSTENHOLME.  
 J. MACPHERSON LAWRIE.  
 JOHN M. HUNT.  
 JAMES GARDNER.  
 ANDREW DUNN TURNER.  
 FRANK WILSON.  
 RICHARD MORE.  
 GEORGE DICKSON.  
 NORMAN M. MACLEHOSE.  
 W. BRADLEY VIOLETTE.  
 A. FREELAND FERGUS.  
 CHARLES W. STEWART, M.A.  
 R. S. THOMSON.  
 EDGAR HAYDON.  
 JOHN F. M'GREGOR.  
 CREIGHTON HUTCHINSON.  
 W. J. GRAY LAWRIE.  
 ROBERT BEITH.  
 JAMES MAXWELL.  
 JOHN FOTHERINGHAM.  
 JOHN CONWAY.  
 JOHN M. YOUNG, M.A.  
 HENRY PELHAM WEBB.

## IV.

*From* ALEXR. R. SIMPSON, ESQ., M.D., F.R.S.E., *Professor of Medicine and Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Edinburgh; Vice-President of the Obstetrical Society of Edinburgh, etc.*

52 QUEEN STREET,  
EDINBURGH, *March 11, 1881.*

DR. W. L. REID is well known to me as a Physician of wide general culture, who has devoted himself mainly to the study and practice of Midwifery and Gynecology. His published writings show him to be well acquainted with the literature of that department, and to be possessed of originality of mind and thoroughness of investigation. He has more than once contributed to the *Transactions* of our Edinburgh Obstetrical Society in matter that was valuable and fresh, and in manner intelligent and interesting. The fact that his love for the subject led him to start an independent course of lectures, is itself a good guarantee that he would fulfil the duties of a Professor of Midwifery with enthusiasm and success, and I cordially recommend his claims to the consideration of the Trustees of Anderson's College.

ALEXR. R. SIMPSON.

## V.

*From* WILLIAM LEISHMAN, ESQ., M.D., F.F.P.S.G., *Regius Professor of Midwifery in the University of Glasgow; Physician for the Diseases of Women at the Western Infirmary.*

11 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,  
GLASGOW, *March 12, 1881.*

DEAR DR. REID,—I cannot hesitate in complying with your request, and in bearing testimony to your complete

fitness to discharge the duties of the chair now vacant in the Andersonian, should the Trustees appoint you to that office.

In addition to a thorough knowledge of the subject, your special claim consists, as it seems to me, in the experience you have already gained as a teacher of Midwifery, and I am sure that you would fill the chair with credit to the School, and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Yours most faithfully,

WILLIAM LEISHMAN.

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VI.

*From T. HALLIDAY CROOM, M.B., F.R.C.P.E., Physician to the Royal Maternity Hospital; Physician for the Diseases of Women, Western Dispensary; Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women, School of Medicine, Edinburgh.*

10 HOPE STREET, EDINBURGH,  
12th March, 1881.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that I am well acquainted with DR. W. L. REID, both personally and professionally. From my knowledge of him, I think it would be very difficult to find a more eligible candidate for the vacant Professorship of Midwifery in the Andersonian University. DR. REID'S claims to this appointment seem to me to be very strong, for the following reasons:—1st. He is an accomplished Physician. 2nd. He has been for years engaged extensively in the practice of Midwifery. 3rd. He has enjoyed unusually large clinical experience at the Western Infirmary on diseases of women. 4th. He has for five years been a lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women, and has thus had ample experience as a teacher. 5th. He has enriched the literature of our profession with various important monographs and papers. 6th. He is an earnest, careful worker, and his personal qualities are such as will render him a most agreeable colleague.

For these reasons, I have the greatest confidence in bearing my testimony to DR. REID'S pre-eminent fitness for the Chair of Midwifery in Anderson's University. His appointment would be a really valuable acquisition to that institution.

J. HALLIDAY CROOM.

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VII.

*From* J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN, A.M., M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S. Edin., *Physician-Accoucheur and Lecturer on Midwifery at Saint Bartholomew's Hospital ; President of the Obstetrical Society of London, etc., etc.*

71 BROOK STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE,  
LONDON, *March*, 1881.

I AM well acquainted with DR. WILLIAM L. REID, and have admired his extensive knowledge and burning zeal in Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children. In pursuit of knowledge and experience in these branches of medicine, he has pursued the best plans, including visits to foreign schools. He has published papers which evince acute intelligence and critical and original power in Obstetric Medicine.

He has experience in teaching, and has indeed followed with steadfastness such a line of life as makes him unavoidably and justly a candidate of the best pretensions to the office in Anderson's College, which he now seeks.

J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.



## VIII.

*From* ANGUS MACDONALD, ESQ., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E., *Lecturer on Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children in the Medical School, Minto House; Physician and Clinical Lecturer on Diseases of Women, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Physician to the Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh; President of the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society.*

29 CHARLOTTE SQUARE,  
EDINBURGH, 14th March, 1881.

DR. WILLIAM LOUDON REID is known to me as the author of several important papers, as an accomplished gynecologist, a successful practitioner of Midwifery, and an experienced teacher.

On these grounds I regard him to be eminently well qualified to fill the Chair of Midwifery in the Andersonian College, for which he is now a candidate, and feel assured that if successful in obtaining that appointment, he will discharge its duties with success and acceptance.

ANGUS MACDONALD.

## IX.

*From* DR. M'CALL ANDERSON, *Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Glasgow.*

14 WOODSIDE CRESCENT, GLASGOW.

DR. W. L. REID is well and favourably known to me as a skilful and successful practitioner. Even as a student he distinguished himself in the study of Midwifery, and since entering upon practice he has specially devoted himself to the cultivation of this branch of medicine, and for some time has, with much acceptance, discharged the duties of Physician to the out-door Department of the Glasgow Lying-in Hospital and the Western Infirmary. For the last eighteen months, too, he has held the appointment of Dispensary Physician for the Diseases of Women and Children at the latter institution. His papers to the Medical Journals show how successfully he has worked at the subject, and give proof of abilities of a high order. I believe him, therefore, to be well qualified to fill the Chair of Midwifery at Anderson's College vacant by the lamented death of Dr. J. G. Wilson.

T. M'CALL ANDERSON.

15th March, 1881.

## X.

*From* ROBERT KIRK, ESQ., M.D. Edin. (with Honours), *Physician-Accoucheur to the Western Infirmary.*

FOR a good many years past I have had the pleasure of DR. W. L. REID'S acquaintance, and have had frequent opportunities of judging of his professional skill and attainments, more especially in Midwifery and Diseases of Women. His proficiency in these branches of Medicine I rank very high, and is such as could only be attained by the most zealous and almost exclusive cultivation of them. He is deeply versed in the literature of these subjects, both English and foreign, while in private practice and as Physician-Accoucher to the Western Infirmary and Dispensary for the Diseases of Women he has had ample opportunity of gaining practical experience. He has also made important original contributions to Obstetric Medicine, and has designed a special forceps for certain difficult cases of labour, which I have seen him use (and have myself used) with the best results, and which I regard as one of the best instruments that have been invented for that purpose.

A communication recently made to the Glasgow Medico-Chirurgical Society is one of a very valuable and practical kind; if the antiseptic system he therein advocates were universally carried out, I believe it would lead to a diminution of child-bed mortality.

Above all, DR. REID is a man of true Christian principle and thorough conscientiousness, and I may be pardoned for saying that I have availed myself of his professional advice in the most trying circumstances in my own family, and that I know no one on whose character and skill in gynecology I would more confidently rely. He is, besides, an enthusiastic teacher and I consider him, therefore, highly qualified for the position to which he aspires.

ROBERT KIRK.

## XI.

*From* JOSEPH COATS, ESQ., M.D., *Pathologist and Lecturer on Pathology in the Western Infirmary, Examiner in Pathology in the University of Glasgow, Editor of the Glasgow Medical Journal, late President of the Pathological and Clinical Society of Glasgow, &c.*

I HAVE much pleasure in testifying to the fitness of DR W. REID for the Chair of Midwifery in Anderson's College. There are others engaged in the study and practice of this branch, who will be able to certify as to his special qualifications in that line, but I am able to testify to the self-denying devotion and thoroughness with which, for some years back he has been applying himself to the study of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women. As DR. REID'S colleague in the Secretariate of the Medico-Chirurgical Society and as Editor of the *Glasgow Medical Journal* I have been in frequent communication with him, and I am able to say that for diligence and conscientious earnestness there are few in any line of professional work who surpass DR. REID. He has written many reviews and some original articles in the journal under my editorship, and I have always been pleased with the clearness, ingenuity, and practical grasp of his subject which he seemed to exhibit. I have full confidence in recommending DR. REID to the Trustees of Anderson's College.

JOSEPH COATS.

## XII.

*From LOMBE ATTHILL, ESQ., B.A., M.D. Dub., Master of the Rotunda Hospital ; Consulting Obstetric Physician to the Adelaide Hospital ; Ex-President of the Dublin Obstetrical Society.*

ROTUNDA HOSPITAL,  
RUTLAND SQUARE,  
DUBLIN, *March 16, 1881.*

DR. W. L. REID studied Midwifery and Gynecology with much attention in this Hospital during the Summer of 1879.

From my knowledge of DR. REID, I am satisfied that he is a highly educated and well informed obstetric practitioner, capable of filling with credit the chair of Midwifery in Anderson's College.

LOMBE ATTHILL.





